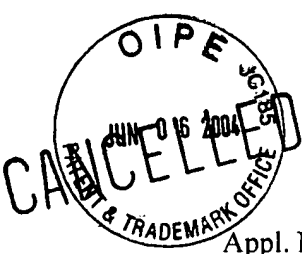


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004, a Restriction Requirement is asserted under 35 USC §121 requiring an election between Group I, Claims 1-17, Group II, Claims 18-20 and Group III, Claims 21-22. In reply to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-17, with traverse. The searching for each of the groups should not place an undue search burden on the Office. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe that any further action by Applicants would place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Date May 22, 2004

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence, with its state enclosures, if any, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on May 27, 2004, with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:</p> <p>Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p>Signature: <u>Glen L. Gross</u></p> <p>By: Glen L. Gross Date: <u>May 22, 2004</u></p>

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